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WITH REMOVABLE BLADE

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The Office Action dated November 6, 2002 has been received and carefully reviewed. Please amend the above-identified patent application as indicated below.

In the specification:

Replace paragraph [0015] with:

01 Referring now to the drawing, and to FIGS. 1-5 in particular, there is depicted a goalie skate 10 having a protective shell 12 with a replaceable blade 14 mounted therein.

Replace paragraph [0018] with:

02 The inner side wall 22 has a greater height with an ankle portion 30 rising above the upper extent of the heel 26 before the central edge 31 of the inner side wall 22 smoothly depends from the ankle portion 30 to the toe cup 24.